

REMARKS

Paragraph [0001] of the Specification has been amended to update the status information of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/146,693.

Claims 1-45 remain pending in this application.

The pending claims stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over one or more of the following U.S. Patents: 6,146,444, 5,676,733, 6,387,155, 5,431,717, 6,652,622, and 5,573,575. In response to the double patenting rejections, and without admitting the propriety of those rejections, the assignee, GeoBiotics, LLC, is filing herewith a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,146,444, 5,676,733, 6,387,155, 5,431,717, 6,652,622, and 5,573,575.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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